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Good afternoon,

My name is Jennifer Loya and I am a Connecticut native. I grew up in Weston and have lived in Fairfield for the past 22 years.

I am very concerned about many of the bills being proposed in Hartford, especially HB 5429. I am writing to strongly oppose HB 5429. With so many diverse towns and cities in Connecticut, this "one-size-fits-all" approach will have detrimental effects on our municipalities.

Trying to force a bill that will, first off, devalue homes is not good for any Connecticut residents or towns. I cannot understand the thinking behind bringing down the value of homes that so many residents have worked hard to own. Bills such as these cannot harm many while trying to help a few.

This bill has limited positives and many negatives. And for the most part, the only people that will truly benefit are the developers. How can reducing the required number of affordable units possibly help anyone? The bill would put unnecessary strains on a town's infrastructure and utilities without limiting the size and density of a housing development. This bill would strip any character of a town by turning it into a city full of high rises. Connecticut residents deserve better.

I have a huge problem with making dense development within a half-mile of a train station as-of-right. With no public input. With no input from the local planning and zoning boards. This is an egregious misuse of power from Hartford. I cannot support any bill that takes away local input and silences the public.

At the VERY LEAST, A bill as radical as this DESERVES many days of public hearings. And the public deserves to testify in person, if they so choose.

I urge you to vote down this detrimental bill.

Regards,

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